

**CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**San Luis Obispo, California 93407**  
**ACADEMIC SENATE**

**MINUTES OF**  
**The Academic Senate**  
**Tuesday, February 9, 1999**  
**UU220, 3-5pm**

Preparatory: the meeting was opened at 3:10pm.

- I. Minutes: The minutes of the Academic Senate meeting for January 19, 1999 were approved without change.
- II. Communications and Announcements:
- III. Reports:
  - A. Academic Senate Chair: Gene Dinielli and Hal Goldwhite (from the CSU Academic Senate) will not be able to attend the 3.2.99 Senate meeting. An invitation for 4.13.99 has been extended to them.
  - B. President's Office: President Baker was not able to attend today's meeting as planned. He will attend the March 2, 1999 Senate meeting.
  - C. Provost's Office: Provost Zingg reported on the Tentative Agreement between CSU and CFA. Two critical issues are the timing of the merit increases and the difference between the old SSIs (Salary Step Increases) and the new FMIs (Faculty Merit Increases). The SSIs used to be "fairly automatic." Under the new contract faculty must be reviewed before receiving a FMI. The vote on the Tentative Agreement is scheduled for 2.28.99.
  - D. Statewide Senators: Statewide senators are going to Sacramento to lobby for additional funding for the CSU from the Governor's Budget.
  - E. CFA Campus President: Summaries of the Tentative Agreement will be distributed to all departments. The full contract is available on the web at: [www.calfac.org](http://www.calfac.org). A General Faculty meeting will be held 2.17.99 in 03-213 at 7pm. Officers of the statewide CFA will be there to answer questions.
  - F. ASI Representative: no report.
  - G. Other: A WASC update was given by Vice Provost Conn. Accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) occurs every 10 years in order to retain federal funding. Cal Poly is in an "innovative mode," which means that it has chosen *Cal Poly as a Center of Learning* as its topic for self-study. The WASC committee and its subcommittees are looking at three campus environments: (1) intellectual (2) physical and (3) social [campus climate]. Faculty and staff will receive a survey, and some faculty will be asked to administer a survey in their classes. The reports will be combined and synthesized during the summer and available in fall. The report goes to WASC in January 2000; and the full WASC team visit occurs in March 2000.

Vice Provost Hanley reported on the concern being expressed regarding the "Polyratings" web site that contains faculty ratings. The Technical Use Committee is presently developing sound practices around issues such as this one (e.g., internet management) as well as acceptable uses of university resources such as ResNet.

IV. Consent Agenda:

V.

VI. Business Items:

- A. **Curriculum proposals:** second reading: M/S/P to accept the Curriculum Committee's recommendations not to approve DANC 311, BUS 481, and SPAN 123 as fulfilling the U.S. Cultural Pluralism requirement. MU 221 will return for second reading at the next Senate meeting.
- B. **Resolution on Policy and Procedures for Resolving University 504/ADA Accommodation Disputes:** second reading. M/S/P to approve this resolution.
- C. **Resolution to Modify the Definition (Membership) of General Faculty in the Constitution of the General Faculty:** second reading. M/S/P to table resolution until the next Senate meeting.
- D. **Resolution on Revision to the Bylaws of the Academic Senate to add Academic Senate Faculty Ethics Committee:** first reading. Postponed to the next Senate meeting.
- E. **Resolution on Credit by Examination Policy:** first reading. Resolution removed by the Instruction Committee.

VI. Discussion Item(s):

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Submitted by:



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